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NO SUMMER SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

County Board of Education
Decides Against the Prop-
osition For This Year.

The County Board of Education met on Wednesday of this week. The question of a summer training school for teachers was brought up and by a vote of three to two it was decided to not have it.

The law provides that each county may have a school of this kind each year if the county board will appropriate half the cost of the instructor or instructors. The State Board appoints the instructors. In the event the county board refuses to enter into the arrangement the teachers of the county may either attend a summer school in some other county or teach for six dollars per month less salary. The county institutes have been abolished and the summer schools are provided in order to place facilities within easy reach of all teachers to make progress in their profession and become better equipped each year.

If the teachers of Lawrence county do not attend a summer school it means that they will receive \$4368.00 less from the State for next year's work than otherwise they would get. But this is a small consideration compared to the increased efficiency and enthusiasm that would result from attendance upon the summer school.

Lawrence county had a summer school last year and it seems that up to about two weeks ago the sentiment of the officials was favorable to it for this year. It was stated in the meeting Wednesday that friction in regard to a certain private interest was entering into this matter. When the discussion indicated that the man who had been proposed by the State Department as instructor was not satisfactory to that certain interest, a proposition was made to have an outside instructor sent here and a guarantee was given the board that this would be done.

Thompson Acquitted in Boyd County Trial

Harry Thompson, of Meade's Station, was found not guilty of the murder of Miss Ethel Darby, 17, of Ashland for which he was indicted, when the jury returned the verdict in the circuit court at Catlettsburg Wednesday after 30 minutes deliberation.

The facts are those which have been testified, that the four young folks, John Tussay, Ernest Hunt, Audrey Young and Miss Darby were driving on the Midland Trail toward Cannonsburg on the night of April 25 and at a point near Meade's Station a shot was fired and Miss Darby was killed the bullet entering the back of her head.

Mrs. Grant Bartram Dies in Fort Gay

Mrs. Grant Bartram died at her home at Fort Gay on Friday, May 5. She was 32 years of age and is survived by her husband and one child. The cause of her death was typhoid fever. Burial took place Saturday in the Bartram graveyard.

Her daughter died only a few weeks ago.

F. H. YATES OPENS REALTY OFFICES IN ASHLAND

Sunday's Ashland Independent contained the following:

Frank Yates, sales manager for the Park Hill Realty Company, and who this week came here from Louisa to live, announced last night he had opened the company's offices in the Elam building on Winchester avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets.

Three rooms have been leased and are being fitted up to take care of the company's transactions in selling the 175 acres it recently bought from the Kentucky Iron, Coal & Manufacturing Company, lying between Eighteenth and Twenty-seventh streets, including the old Country Club property and the hill top section above Hilton avenue.

Mr. Yates announced a landscape architect from Cleveland will be here tomorrow to begin work on laying out the streets and driveways in the project. The plan will be an original one, said Mr. Yates, calling for curved roadways and getting from the old type of right angled street plans.

Louisa would very much regret to lose Mr. Yates and his family and we hope they may find it possible and desirable to keep their residence here. The Ashland men has made no mistake in getting Mr. Yates interested in their large project and in placing it in his hands. He is already on the job at Ashland.

DR. J. N. McCORMACK DIES OF PARALYSIS

Dr. Joseph Nathaniel McCormack, for forty-three years actively associated with the State Board of Health and one of the most widely-known physicians in the United States, died at his home in Louisville last week.

Death was due to paralysis, accompanied by cerebral hemorrhages. Until Tuesday he was at his desk in the State Board of Health Building, and it was while he was seated working at his desk at noon that day he was stricken.

COP BROTHER OF GREAT IRISH LEADER



Michael Collins, the great leader of the Irish Free State who has become internationally known, has a brother on the Chicago police force, Sergeant Patrick Collins. Pat is now regarded as an influential factor through his unofficial connection with the Irish Free State.

Floyd County Couple Married in Louisa

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church South, in Louisa, when Mr. Charles William Strader and Mrs. Ethel Shannon Hutchison were united in marriage.

Rev. J. D. Bell officiated. Mr. Strader is located at Garth, Ky. He is a son of Dr. T. D. Strader, who for many years has been a preacher in the Holston Virginia conference.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Shannon. They now live at Drift, Floyd county, but were former residents of Lawrence county.

Mr. and Mrs. Strader will reside at Garth.

MISS RIFFE WEDS IN WASHINGTON

A wedding of interest to a large number of friends of the bride who formerly lived in this county was celebrated in Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday evening, May 10, when the hearts and lives of Miss Mearle Riffe and Mr. Wharton A. Nichols were united.

Accompanied by a party of relatives and friends the couple left Washington, D. C. about six o'clock that evening in automobiles and drove to Baltimore. They were married at half past eight o'clock in the Brantley Baptist church at that place by the Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton, uncle of the groom. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

The handsome bride wore a modish suit of tan covert cloth with accessories harmonizing and carried a bouquet of Ward roses and lilies of the valley.

Soon after the ceremony the bride and groom left for an extensive wedding journey, going to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and other eastern points.

After June 1 they will be at home at 32 Sycamore street, Takoma Park, Md.

Miss Riffe has been in Washington the past few years where she has held a position in a government office since she enlisted for service in the navy department in the World War. At that time she was in Bowling Green attending a business college. She resigned the position last Saturday to be married.

She is one of Lawrence county's most attractive and charming young women. She is popular in Louisa, having attended school here and frequently visited relatives. She is a half sister of Judge Billie Riffe, H. H. and W. E. Queen and Mrs. B. D. Lambert. If Lawrence county were called upon to offer a woman measuring up to Kentucky's reputation for general attractiveness, combining intellectual qualities, strength of character, gracious disposition, modesty and beauty, Mrs. Nichols would meet the specifications.

Mr. Nichols' home was at Luray, Va. He was graduated from the schools in that city. In 1917 he enlisted in the army and served with the 116th Infantry, 29th Division, as Regimental Sergeant-Major in the Intelligence Division and was overseas a year. He is now employed with the Purchase of Provisions and Clothing for the navy department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nichols, who reside at 1618 North Capitol street, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols upon their return from their honeymoon will go to housekeeping at once in the new home he recently purchased and furnished.

EXPECT 5,000 TEMPLARS AT MAYSVILLE CONCLAVE

The Entertainment Committee of the Maysville Commandery, Knights Templar, has received word that the Portsmouth, Ohio, Commandery has chartered a special train on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad to attend the conclave of Kentucky Knights Templar to be held there May 16 to 18. Several other Ohio commanderies are expected to attend and it is estimated that more than 5,000 Knights and their wives and daughters will be present.

FARMERS MEETING CALLED FOR MAY 20TH AT LOUISA

Organization to be Perfect-
ed for Their Part in Home
Coming Week.

Upon the suggestion of a number of farmers and some other citizens it was decided to call a public meeting of farmers at the court house in Louisa for Saturday, May 20th, at one o'clock. This is for the purpose of organizing to co-operate with the movement for Home Coming Week to be arranged for September or October of this year.

The farmers have very appropriately suggested that an exhibit of products be made during two or three days of that week, and this matter will be decided upon at the meeting on Saturday of next week.

A large attendance is hoped for. This Home Coming can be made the largest affair ever held in the county.

Royal Arch Masons Have Fine Meeting

Perhaps the largest and most enjoyable meeting the Royal Arch Masons ever had in Louisa was held on last Friday night at the Masonic hall. The occasion was in honor of the visit of Dr. P. G. Smoot, of Maysville, Grand Inspector of the Ninth District. His address was ably delivered and much enjoyed. Many years ago Dr. Smoot and Dr. L. H. York of this place took the Commandery degrees together at Maysville. This was Dr. Smoot's first visit to Louisa.

There were about eighty members present from this and Wayne chapters, the out of town visitors being as follows: W. R. Fuller of Whitehouse; Arnold Childers of Gallip; Linxy Nunley of Huletts; Bascom Boyd of Ulysses; R. L. Ratcliffe of Clifford; W. A. Dyer of Fallsburg; R. S. Hays and L. Collinsworth of Potter; J. B. Cartmel of Drift; Chas. Ferrell, George W. Hale, C. A. Peake, Floyd Brewer, Wiley D. Copley, Jas. Hobbs and Oscar Tabory of Warfield; Cecil Hewlett, E. Wellman, Elba Dean, Ollie Wellman, L. L. Lyan, William Weddington, Fremlin Christian and C. W. Brinkley of Wayne county, W. Va.

At the conclusion of the meeting a sumptuous banquet was served to the members by the Eastern Stars in the Tri-K Club room.

Mrs. Myrtle Franklin Talented Harpist

Mrs. J. Will Franklin of Dayton, Ky., has returned to her home from Chicago where she attended a meeting of the National Association of Harpists. This association was organized in New York City last year. The second convention was held in Chicago recently with headquarters at the Blackstone hotel. The programs were rendered in the Auditorium Theatre. One hundred harpists played at one time.

Mrs. Franklin, formerly Miss Myrtle Chapman of this place, had the pleasure of playing in two large concerts at this convention. She was also elected secretary and treasurer of the organization for the state of Kentucky chapter.

While in Chicago she had an invitation to join a company of three ladies to play the harp for six weeks next fall. She expects to go to New York and practice a few weeks before starting with them.

On her way home Mrs. Franklin was in Detroit for a few days.

GREAT OFFER TO MOUNTAIN BOYS

Cincinnati, May 3.—Thru a scholarship formally tendered to the University of Cincinnati at a meeting of the board of directors today one Kentucky mountain boy is to be given opportunity to graduate every four years from the university of law.

Mrs. Millard Tye is donor of the scholarship, established in memory of her husband, the late Millard Tye, formerly a prominent Cincinnati attorney, who was born in Letcher-co., Ky. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville.

It is because it was her husband's birthplace that Mrs. Tye has planned to make the scholarship available for one Letcher county boy every four years. Should there fail to be an applicant from this county at any time, the scholarship would be open to boys of fifteen other Kentucky counties.

Wayne Retains County Seat by 484 Votes

The official count in the Wayne county seat removal election shows that Kenova fell short of the necessary three-fifths by 484 votes. The total vote cast was 19,785.

It is said work on the new court house at Wayne will start at once.

NOTICE.
Called meeting of Louisa Chapter No. 95, R. A. M., on Friday afternoon and night of this week. Work in P. M. M. E. M. and R. A. degrees.
G. R. LEWIS, H. P.

JOFFRE HONORS OUR "UNKNOWN DEAD"



Marshall Joffre, hero of the Marne, made a special visit to Washington to place a wreath on the grave of America's Unknown Soldier, in the Arlington Cemetery, in behalf of France. The Marshall has just finished an extended tour of Asia and America.

SPARKS & SPARKS HAVE SOLD STORE

W. L. Ferguson Buys Lou-
isa Merchandising Busi-
ness He Formerly
Owned.

One of Louisa's largest stores will change owners on July 1. W. L. Ferguson of Huntington has contracted to take over the clothing and furnishing store of Sparks & Sparks. This store is in Dr. T. D. Burgess' building opposite the court house and is the same business that Mr. Ferguson sold to Sparks & Sparks about three years ago. The stock will be reduced by a sale running from now until July 1.

Mr. Ferguson moved to Huntington and engaged in business, but recently sold out there. He and his family have many friends here who will welcome them back to Louisa.

Mr. Bert L. Sparks, who has been giving all his time to the store, has contracted for property near Flemingsburg which he formerly owned. It is a matter of regret here that he will move to Fleming county, but we wish him every success. Judge M. B. Sparks, the senior member of the firm, will be kept busy with the duties of County Judge.

Commencement Exercises at College May 18th

The Science department will graduate Chesley Arthur Lycans with the B. S. degree.

There are eight high school graduates, all of whom are on the following program:

Graduates March—Orchestra.
Invocation.
Violin Solo—Kizzie Clay Burns.
Salutatory—Ella Jae Hewlett.
Music—Orchestra.
Radium and its Discoverer—Maxwell Durney Kinner.
Theodore Roosevelt—Irene Waller.
Music—Orchestra.
Unsung Rests the Head That Wears the Crown—Forest Douglas Short.
W. J. Bryan—Ted Leslie Gearhart.
Violin Solo—Thomas Jefferson Workman.

Class Prophecy—Ada Lois Johnson.
Valedictory—Roba Loretta Frazure.
Music—Orchestra.

Class Address—Rep. W. W. Wallen.
Violin Solo—Kizzie Clay Burns.
Presentation of Diplomas—Prof. Byington.
Orchestra.

Boyd County Road Surface Treated

Frankfort, Ky., May 8.—Contracts for surface treating sixty-two miles of road at a cost of approximately \$60,000 were let today by the State Highway Commission.

R. B. Tyler Company were the successful bidders on a 47-100 miles in Boyd county on the Ashland-Cannonsburg road, \$8,445.71. The balance of the contract was on roads in other parts of the state.

SENATE CONFIRMS NEW POSTMASTERS

Washington, May 9.—The Senate has confirmed the nominations of several Kentuckians for postmasterships. Among them are Melvin C. Bray, Hindman; Ira W. See, Louisa; Allen E. Bell, Moreland; James Noble, Quicksand; and Phoebe Howard, Salyersville.

NARROWLY ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY

G. W. Castle, county attorney, while looking after some changes in the road on East Fork, narrowly escaped a serious accident when his horse fell and threw him to the ground. He was badly bruised and will be unable to travel for some time, but thinks his injury is not serious.

Mr. Castle has given considerable time to this work and he and Judge Sparks are accomplishing good results.

EASTERN KENTUCKY LEASES LOOK GOOD

Recent Wells Drilled in
Prove Up Undeveloped
Acreage in Magoffin
County.

The bringing in of a good well two hundred feet from the Fred Lemaster lease owned by The Wiser Oil Company and Petroleum Exploration in Magoffin county, Kentucky, practically proves up this acreage and makes it look as if the entire 135 acres in the Lemaster tract will be productive. The well was drilled in on March 21 by Holbrook and Reed, on the J. S. Borders farm and was estimated at better than ten barrels a day. No. 2 is now drilling by the same company which should also be a producer. A location has been made by the Cumberland Petroleum Company and a well will be started immediately by that company on a lease adjoining the south end of a 98-acre tract held by the Trico companies which, if productive, will make the entire block of leases look exceedingly good for oil. The Magoffin county operations of the companies have thus far proven very successful. Out of forty-five wells drilled everyone has been a producer. This fact, together with proving up the undeveloped acreage, makes the future operations in this field appear unusually good.

Conditions in eastern Kentucky at the present time are rather quiet, due largely to the impassable roads. None of the larger oil companies have begun active campaigns for the summer as yet. The rainy weather and bad roads make it impossible to move rigs or supplies to the leases, indications however, show that there will be a large amount of drilling done in this section of Kentucky during the year and practically every section will be given a thorough test for oil.

LARGE NUMBERS AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Go-to-Sunday school day last Sunday was observed in this county by vigorous work on the part of all the churches to get out as large an attendance as possible. The following are the figures of Louisa Sunday schools as given to us:

Louisa:—Christian church 147; M. E. Church 250; Baptist church 305; M. E. Church, South 427; Two colored schools 57. Total, 1216.
Cadmus 109; Five Forks
Cadmus 101; Yatesville 110; Mount Pleasant 38; Russesville 40; Evergreen 58; Five Forks 108; Smoky Valley 76; Road 182; Walbridge 87; Daniels creek 182; Middle Lick creek 80; Fallsburg 45; Glenwood (Baptist) 54; Cedar Grove, Union 182.

Mayo Trail Will Not be Surfaced This Year

It seems from newspaper reports that a request was made, from some source not generally known, to put the hard surface on seven miles of the Mayo trail in Lawrence county, from the Boyd county line toward Louisa. The following item from Frankfort is the first that was known of the proposition at Louisa:

Frankfort.—Hard surface will not be applied to the Mayo trail until the road has been entirely graded and drained by the State highway commission. It decided after the federal government engineer registered a protest against hard surfacing the road at present.

REV. J. T. POPE GOES TO GAULEY BRIDGE

Rev. J. T. Pope, a former pastor of the Baptist church at this place, and who has been at Ceredo, W. Va., since leaving here, has accepted a call to the church at Gauley Bridge, W. Va., and moved to that place last Friday.

LANGLEY HAS A FIGHT THIS YEAR TO HOLD JOB AT WASHINGTON

Opposition Has Agreed Up-
on a Letcher County Man
to Lead Contest.

The following political gossip about the Tenth district situation is from the Louisville column of the Cincinnati Enquirer:

"From the Tenth District comes the report that the political life of Congressman John W. Langley is in danger this fall, a condition which probably is responsible for the early campaigning which Mr. Langley is doing among his constituents by means of the United States mail. The danger to Mr. Langley lies in his party, where a determined fight is being organized to take the nomination away from him. Mr. Langley is dean of the Kentucky delegation in Congress in point of service.

The anti-Langley forces have been gathering strength for years waiting for what they regarded as the opportunity to seek the scalp of an apparently unbeatable district leader. From their viewpoint the time now is ripe. They base this belief upon the happenings of last fall when a coalition with the Democrats administered a defeat to the Langley organization in Pike and Letcher counties, the largest in the state.

With this nucleus an organization was built to contain such men as Jas. A. Scott, member of the State Tax Commission; R. Monroe Fields, former Commonwealth's Attorney of the Pike-Letcher district; Edward L. Allen, Prestonsburg, former member of the Legislature, and others of equal prominence. They united on Calloway W. Napier, Hazard, present Commonwealth's Attorney of the Leslie-Owsley-Perry district, to oppose Mr. Langley for the Republican congressional nomination. Mr. Napier accepted the gaze of battle and now is at work perfecting an organization.

Mr. Langley is alive to the situation, and if he loses it will not be due to a lack of fight. He is expected to return in a few weeks to devote all his time to a vigorous speaking campaign.

The Tenth district is composed of Floyd, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry and Pike counties. Pike is Mr. Langley's home county, but the Napier element expects to carry it. This county probably will develop into the battlefront that will decide the entire district. The most encouraging thing that has happened for the Langley forces is the entry into the race of Fess Whitaker, noted "jailed jaller." Whitaker says he is in the race to stay, but when his name is mentioned it usually is in connection with his effect upon the Napier-Langley contest. It is agreed that this is helpful to Mr. Langley, for if the opposition to the incumbent is divided it is bound to help him."

New Laws in Regard to Kentucky Schools

Some of the new legislation which was put in the Statutes as a result of the last session of the Legislature in school matters was as follows:

The State Department received an appropriation of \$45,000 for the organization and maintenance of a professional staff, more than three times the former allowance.

The minimum rural school term was increased from six to seven months.

An appropriation of \$50,000 was made to organize and maintain summer training schools for teachers.

A bill was passed authorizing the establishment of two additional normal schools, and \$50,000 annually devoted to maintaining them.

Existing normal schools were changed to colleges at which students may procure academic degrees.

The code governing graded schools was improved, and such schools were authorized to levy a local tax of \$1.25 per \$100 instead of the former maximum, 75 cents.

The maximum school levy in second-class cities was raised from 65 cents to 75 cents.

Two Recovery Suits Are Filed Against Pike ex-Sheriffs

Pikeville, Ky., May 6.—Attorneys E. D. Stephenson, P. B. Stratton and County Attorney W. P. Hughes have filed suit against George M. Mullins, former Sheriff of Pike county, and his sureties, the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company of Baltimore, seeking to recover for Pike county the sum of \$4,575.25. This suit is based upon the report of Auditor A. D. Roberts of the National Auditing Company, Charleston, W. Va., and the alleged shortage is charged to the penalty and interest side of Mr. Mullins' account as Sheriff.

2,000 ACRES TIMBER SOLD TO OHIO TIE CONCERN

S. B. Combs of Jeff, Ky., has sold to the Harmond Woolfe Tie Company of Chillicothe, Ohio, nearly 2,000 acres of hardwood timber lands on the main line of the Louisville & Nashville railroad in Perry county. The deal involved an expenditure of \$40,000 cash. Mills will be installed at once and the development of the property started.